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1. The SAG Hettstedt is producing a special nickel wire of extremely fine gauge, 0.04 mm. Present production amounts to around two tons monthly. One hundred kilograms of nickel will yield 9,000,000 meters of wire. Production cost for this wire amounts to DM 181.30 per kilogram. The trade price, however, is fixed at DM 160.00.
2. The nickel used at Hettstedt comes from the VVB Mansfeld. It is delivered in bars or electrolytic nickel sheets of 99.5% purity. The purity is further increased to 99.9% by means of a process developed by a Dr. Krüger, who received the national prize of the DDR for this discovery.
3. Nickel wire from Hettstedt is woven into screens 1/10,000 mm. fine by the firms of:
 - a. Oskar Eilhauer, Neustadt an der Orla,
 - b. Baderschneider & Lenzner, Zeulenroda (Thuringia),
4. According to an official of the Department of Metallurgy in the Ministry of Industry of the DDR, production costs are not to be considered in maintaining production. Industrial diamonds for drawing the wire are available in ample quantities.
5. General manager of the plant at Hottstedt is Trost. The business manager, von Eberstein, has recently left and gone to Western Germany.

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